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Re Application of

Richard Watson

Serial No.: 10/822,576

Filed Date: April 12, 2004

Title: Piloted Directional Control Valve

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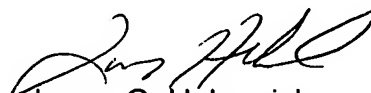
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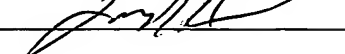

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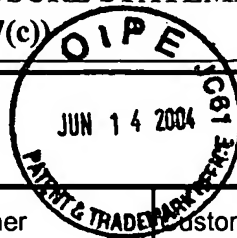
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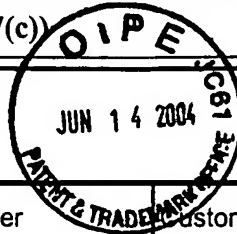
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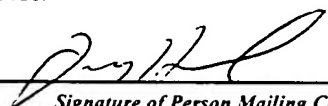
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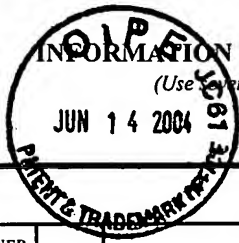
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